

Number of BPL families in Himachal Pradesh

† *39. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families living below the poverty line (BPL) in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise, which were provided with foodgrains and sugar at cheaper rates in the month of December, 2000 and January, 2001, as per Government's decision;
- (b) the system adopted by the State Government in this regard; and
- (c) the system adopted for its distribution?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) The information received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh in this regard is given below:

SI.	Name of the District	No. of BPL families
No.		
1.	Bilaspur	18467
2.	Chamba	48059
3.	Hamirpur	21285
4.	Kangra	65595
5.	Kinnaur	2896
6.	Kullu	11778
7.	Lahul and Spiti	2445
8.	Mandi	43374
9.	Sirmour	15195

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

SI. No.	Name of the District	No. of BPL families
10.	Shimla	32408
11.	Solan	18965
12.	Una	17714
TOTAL:		298181

(b) Foodgrains are being issued to BPL beneficiaries at concessional rates. The scale of ration in the State is 10 kg of wheat and 10 kg of rice per family per month. Further, sugar is being distributed to BPL families under the PDS at the rate of 700 gms per person per month. Sugar is supplied at a uniform price to all beneficiaries under the PDS.

(c) Foodgrains and sugar are being made available to BPL families in the State under the TPDS through a network of 3926 Fair Price Shops.

Subsidised wheat and rice for poor families

*40. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the promise made by the Prime Minister on his birthday to issue wheat and rice at subsidized prices for ten million poor families has been implemented; and

(b) if so, the details of the foodgrains distributed, the number of beneficiaries and the price at which the same were distributed, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Antyodaya Anna Yojana launched by the Prime Minister on the 25th December, 2000 contemplates identification of one crore poorest of the poor families and providing them with foodgrains @ 25 kg per family per month at highly subsidised rates—Rs. 2 a kg for wheat